New railway lines for Kerala

1150. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) what are the new railway lines sanctioned in Kerala for the last three years;

(b) what is the progress of work in each of those sanctioned railway lines;

(c) whether the surveying of railway lines are in progress in Kerala and what is the progress in this regard;

(d) whether Government propose to double the existing single track between Ernakulam and Trivandrum;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government have decided to electrify any of the existing railway lines in Kerala; and

(g) if so, what is the present status, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) No new railway line projects have been sanctioned in Kerala in the last 3 years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. Surveys for the following new lines are in progress in Kerala:

(1) Kottayam to Punalur via Erumali and Sabari with a branch line from Erumali to Angamali and extension from Punalur to Trivandrum.

(2) Sabarimala to Dindigul.

(3) PETS for Thakazhy-Thiruvalla-Pathanammithitta New Line.

(4) Surveys for Kayankulam-Trivandrum New line via Adoor and Kottarkara.

(5) PETS for new line from Nilambur Road to Feroke via Manjeri and Mavur.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Two lines already exists between Ernakulam and Kayankulam one via Alleppy and the other via Kottayam doubling will be completed between Kayankulam and Quilon by 31.1.96. Doubling is also in progress between Quilon and Trivandrum and would be completed in 3 years time.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The electrification of Erode-Walayar-Palghat-Ernakulam, including Cochin Harbour Terminus section is an approved work. Out of this, the portion Walayar-Palghat-Ernakulam-Cochin Harbour Terminus falls in the State of Kerala.

At present work is in progress on Erode-Palghat section.

The complete section Erode-Palghat-Ernakulam is targeted for completion by March, 1998, subject to availability of resources.

Overseas Health Aid Scheme

1151. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken by the Ministry to cover Kendrapara District of Orissa under Overseas Health Aid Scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a)and (b) Phase-III of the ODA (Overseas Development Administration, UK) assisted project is proposed to cover eight districts of Orissa namely, Bolangir, Sonepur, Koraput Nabarangpur, Kayagama, Malkangiri Balasore and Bhadrak with the financia assistance of Overseas Developmen Administration (UK). The Kendrapara District is not covered under the proposed project.